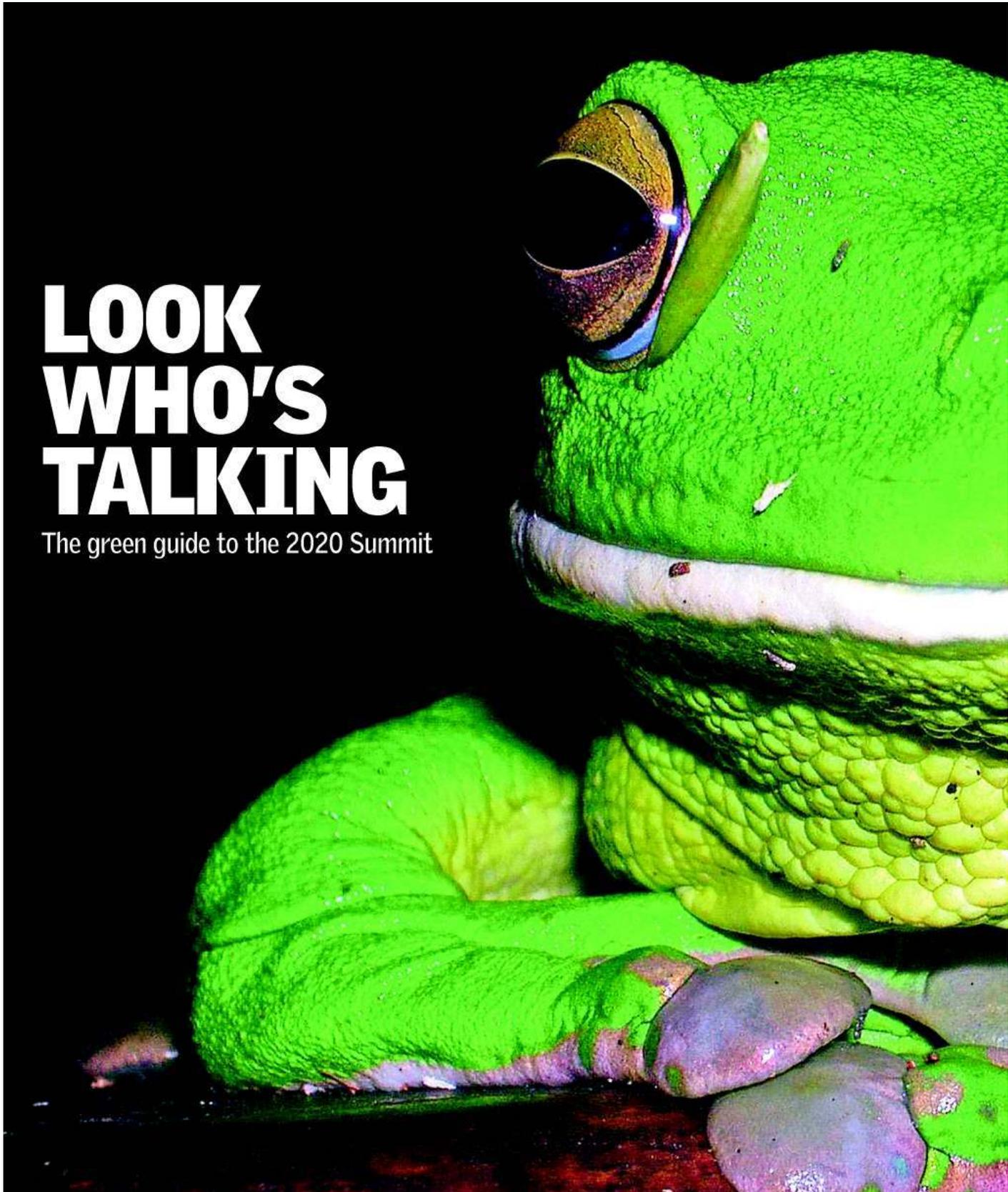
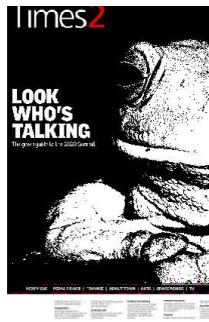


# LOOK WHO'S TALKING

The green guide to the 2020 Summit





# A to Z of Team Environment

Rosslyn Beeby sifts through who's who at the 2020 Summit



Michael Berwick



Valeria Brown



Marcela Bilek



Geoff Garrett



Shahbaz Khan

**H**ow many economists does it take to change a light bulb? The usual answer to the joke is none: "if the bulb needed changing market forces would do it." But there's an eco-babble of economists attending this weekend's 2020 Population, Sustainability and Climate Change forum.

A quick glance down the list doesn't reveal the dominating presence of Team Economist or the pervasive influence of the coal lobby. There are puzzling omissions. Shouldn't the CSIRO Staff Association be represented? Where's the Australian Antarctic Division? Or anyone with feral pest control connections?

We've compiled a guide to the

interests and achievements of this green gaggle tasked with answering questions such as "what is required to increase cleaner energy production?" As they say in the confectionary trade, it's a mixed assortment.

**Maria Atkinson**

Director of the Green Building Council of Australia and global head of sustainability for Lend Lease, a job involving auditing company greenhouse emissions across 40 countries.

**Cheryl Batagol**

Talk about elegantly wasted. The stylish chair of Melbourne Water has spent 30 years handling tricky aspects of waste management and was an environmental adviser to

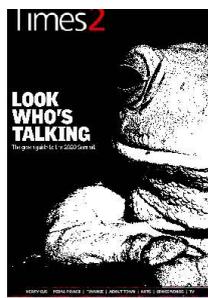
Melbourne's Commonwealth Games.

**Damien Bell**

A key player in the 11-year court battle by Gunditjmara people to win native title for Lake Condah in south-west Victoria and director of a major program restoring the lake's wetlands.

**Michael Berwick**

Led the fight to save the Daintree rainforest in the 1980s, securing World Heritage listing. The former Port Douglas mayor was an early voice calling for national action on rapid coastal development. One of Australia's most consistently effective environmental activists.



**Professor Marcela Bilek**

Won a Cambridge University blue for her cha-cha moves, but the University of Sydney's first female professor of applied physics is burning up the floor as a world leader in plasma processing, including using thin film laminating to create new solar energy filters.

**Carl Binning**

Economist championing biodiversity credits to open up "sell 'n' save" conservation investment. In a previous life as a federal bureaucrat, helped develop the contentious Regional Forest Agreements.

**Dr Stuart Blanch**

One of the bright rising stars of freshwater ecology, he organised Australia's first conference on removing dams from rivers and last year commissioned the first study of climate change impacts on northern ecosystems.

**Grant Blashki**

Mental health expert, University of Melbourne senior researcher and member of Doctors for the Environment, he did Al Gore's training course to become a Climate Change Messenger.

**Georgina Boon**

All Google reveals is she's Tasmania's 2008 Young Citizen of the Year, is studying geography and is a Sea Scouts leader.

**Greg Bourne**

The former global oil executive who defended drilling in the Alaskan wilderness is now chief executive of WWF Australia. An early advocate of triple bottom line (economic, social and environmental) company reporting.

**Petrea Bradford**

Manages one of Australia's biggest carbon trading portfolios as carbon markets manager for Origin Energy and helped develop its carbon reduction scheme for businesses and off-take agreements for renewables.

**Jillian Broadbent**

Reserve Bank board member, director of Woodside Petroleum and former senior executive of Bankers Trust Australia, she's an articulate advocate for corporate integrity, warning against the dangers of mistaking public relations spin for business reality.

**Larissa Brown**

Founder and director of the Centre for Sustainability Leadership, which offers an internet green leadership program for young people.

**Emeritus Professor Valerie Brown**

A visiting fellow with the Fenner School of Environment at the Australian National University, she's established education programs linking health and environment in Asia, the Pacific and Australia.

**Leith Bouly**

A Queensland cotton farmer and professor of water policy at the University of New England, with first-hand experience of drought and rural water woes. Member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists and driving force in developing their national water reform blueprint.

**Irina Cattalini**

Australian Conservation Foundation board member and director of social policy at the West Australian Council of Social Service, she also worked with the WA Conservation Council on greenhouse policy.

**Russell Caplan**

Chairman of Shell Australia and the Australian Institute of Petroleum, and a director of the Australian Science Media Centre.

**Erin Cini**

Brisbane engineer and national president of the young professionals division of the Australian Water Association.

**Peter Coates**

Boss of the world's biggest exporter of thermal coal, Coates is chief executive of Xstrata Coal,

former chair of the Minerals Council of Australia and the Australian Coal Association.

**Professor Chris Cocklin**

Pro-vice chancellor of James Cook University's science faculty and one of Australia's micro-Nobel Laureates as a lead author of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change benchmark report.

**Dr Peter Cook**

Chief of the Cooperative Research centre for Greenhouse Technologies, researching carbon dioxide capture and geosequestration.

**Dr Wendy Craik**

Fish biologist and chief executive of the Murray Darling Basin Commission.

**Professor Mary Crock**

Sydney University law professor best known for her work on immigration detention and refugee law.

**Cheryl Desha**

Lecturer in engineering at Griffith University in Queensland, and director of an independent sustainability think-tank.

**Stewart Ellis**

Deniliquin dairy farmer and chair of Irrigation Australia.

**Penelope Figgis**

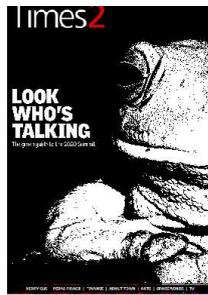
National parks lobbyist, vice-chair for Australia and New Zealand of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas.

**Dr Brian Fisher**

Executive director of the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics for 18 years.

**Professor Tim Flannery**

Paleontologist, climate change activist and best-selling author of *The Future Eaters* and *The Weather Makers*, who advocates shutting down Australia's coal-fired power stations.



**Professor Ross Garnaut**

ANU economist advising the Rudd government on climate change, former Australian ambassador to China, senior economic adviser to former PM Bob Hawke, chairman of Lihir Gold and director of Ok Tedi Mining

**Professor Stephen Garnett**

Author of *The Action Plan for Australian Birds* and professor of tropical knowledge at Charles Darwin University.

**Dr Geoff Garrett**

Former Cambridge metallurgy professor and retiring chief executive of CSIRO who developed its national research flagships program.

**Melissa-Leigh George**

Indigenous educator from Magnetic Island and member of ACF's climate change leadership program.

**Professor Ross Guest**

Associate professor of economics at Griffith University with a long list of journal papers on workforce demographics.

**Tanya Ha**

Reality TV presenter and, says her website, "internationally recognised sustainable living advocate" known as "the eco-Nigella" for her populist books on green living.

**Dr Steve Hatfield Dodds**

High-profile economist and CSIRO policy research director who argues deep cuts in Australia's greenhouse emissions can be achieved at modest cost.

**Michael Hawker**

Former global head of Westpac's financial markets, now Insurance Council of Australia president.

**Professor Lesley Head**

Expert on cultural landscapes, including the cultural ecology of wheat, and professor at Wollongong University's school of earth sciences.

**Dr Judy Henderson**

Former member of World Commission on Dams and chair of the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority.

**Anne Howe**

Chief executive of SA Water who oversees its \$2.65 million Centre for Water Science researching stormwater management and water recycling.

**Gerry Hueston**

Former president and executive chairman of BP Australasia, with a 30-year track record in retail marketing of oil and petrol.

**Dr Karen Hussey**

Postdoctoral fellow at ANU studying agriculture and sustainable water policies.

**Andrew Jaspan**

British journalist, now editor of *The Age*.

**Susan Jeanes**

Former Liberal Party MP for Kingston in SA, now chief executive of the Renewable Energy Generators of Australia.

**Dr Andrew Johnson**

Director of environmental research at CSIRO, best known to CSIRO Staff Association for declaring a bevvy of top talents (Roger Pech, Barney Foran, Jeff Short et al.) "surplus to requirements" in a sweeping restructure of CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems.

**Barry Jones**

Former National President of the ALP, former federal science minister and chief architect of the ALP's Knowledge Nation (unkindly known as Noodle Nation) blueprint.

**Professor David Karoly**

Federation Fellow with School of Earth Science at University of Melbourne and one of our sharpest minds on climate change, he memorably tore apart the credibility of *The Great Global Warming Swindle* during a post-screening panel discussion when

it was shown on ABC TV last year.

**Professor Shahbaz Khan**

Professor of hydrology and food security at Charles Sturt University and chair of UNESCO committee on water and the environment. Has a wealth of global experience on water management – could he be our new Chief Scientist? Please?

**Roslyn Kelly**

Former Labor sports and environment minister who revealed sports funding was arranged on the basis of discussions around her office whiteboard.

**Ian Kiernan**

Former builder and yachtie who tackled Australia's litter problem by devising the annual Clean Up Australia campaign.

**Eric Knight**

Not the author of the Lassie books, but University of Sydney economics student and Rhodes scholar.

**Dr Gabrielle Kuiper**

An urban planner with independent think-tank, Centre for Policy Development.

**Susan Lenehan**

Chair of the CEO Institute and formerly chair of NSW Waste Recycling and Processing Service.

**Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe**

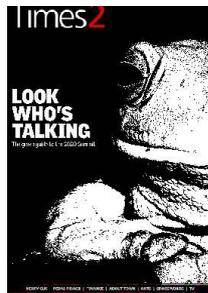
President of ACF and professor of science at Griffith University, also a referee for the IPCC and on the steering committee of UNEP's global environmental outlook program.

**Professor Amanda Lynch**

Monash University scientist specialising in polar region climate and meteorology.

**Robyn McLeod**

Former director of major water projects for the Victorian government, poached last year by KPMG to head its water unit amid controversy because the firm had been awarded government contracts.



**Professor Warwick McKibbin**

ANU professor of economics who briefed Kevin Rudd on climate change in the run-up to last year's federal election. Global guru on economic modelling.

**Dr Pam McRae-Williams**

Research director of Victorian-based Water in Drylands Collaborative Research Program, which is involved in spruiking the Wimmera Mallee pipeline project

**Romilly Madew**

Canberra region vigneron and national executive director of sustainability for the Property Council of Australia.

**Stephen Mills**

Numurkah dairy farmer and board member of the CRC for Irrigation Futures.

**Joe Morrison**

A federal adviser on Landcare and Caring for Country, and head of the North Australian Indigenous Land & Sea Management Alliance

**Sam Mostyn**

Former arts adviser to Paul Keating, the AFL's first female commissioner and now senior executive with insurance company IAG.

**Dr Chloe Munro**

Former Victorian deputy treasurer, now one of seven commissioners with the National Water Commission.

**Elizabeth Nosworthy**

Chair of Queensland Water, deputy chair of Babcock & Brown, former director of Brisbane Airport and former deputy chair of the Clean Coal Technology board.

**Adjunct Professor Monica Oliphant**

Physicist, expert on electricity management and president of the International Solar Energy Society.

**Natasha Palich**

Melbourne architect who specializes in sustainable design.

**George Pappas**

An economist advising big business on profit improvement and global competitiveness, now vice-chair of Melbourne biotechnology network.

**Dr Graeme Pearman**

Whistleblower on the Howard government's freeze-out of climate change expertise and former chief of CSIRO atmospheric research. Scored a UN award for his global contribution to climate change science.

**Joanne Pfeiffer**

Dairy farmer from the Lower Murray and member of the National Murray Darling Basin Community Advisory Committee.

**Professor Hugh Possingham**

Mathematical ecologist and director of the University of Queensland's Ecology Centre, which focuses on wildlife population ecology

**Elaine Prior**

Has a masters degree in petroleum engineering, former consultant on petroleum reservoirs in the North Sea, now director of investment research with Citigroup in Sydney.

**Professor John Quiggin**

University of Queensland research economist and a readable, lucid commentator on Australian economic policy. Can't wait for his pithy blog-take on the 2020 talkfest.

**Marcus Randolph**

Chief executive of "ferrous and coal" with BHP Billiton.

**Dr Russell Reichelt**

Marine ecologist and former feisty chief of Reef CRC who took on the Coalition (and won) over plans to close the research centre. Now making his mark as new chief of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

Authority.

**Tania Ritchie**

CSIRO scientist working on solar thermal array, the largest solar power tower in the southern hemisphere, at the organisation's National Solar Energy Centre in Newcastle. A better alternative to carbon capture?

**Dr Bev Ronalds**

Chief executive of CSIRO Petroleum and former Woodside Chair with University of WA school of oil and gas engineering.

**Anna Rose**

Founder of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition and former national environment officer for the Australian National Union of Students.

**Joe Ross**

A member of the Bunuba people in the Kimberley and director of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre.

**Ann Shaw Rungie**

Environmental policy consultant and former chair of SA Water Resources Council.

**Bernard Salt**

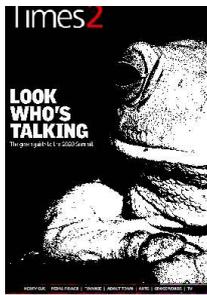
The man who made demography sexy, as he's tracked the trends of the Boomers, Gens X and Y and the rise of Gold Coast culture.

**David Shelmerdine**

Philanthropist and member of the Myer family who's on record saying, "The diminution of biodiversity, as a result of climate change, will be our greatest loss."

**Dr Paul Simshauser**

Economist and chief executive of Babcock & Brown Power which owns eight power stations across Australia.



**Canberra Times**  
Wednesday 16/4/2008  
Page: 1  
Section: Times  
Region: Canberra Circulation: 33,935  
Type: Capital City Daily  
Size: 2,627.45 sq.cms.  
Published: MTWTFSS-

Brief: UNIQ\_CORP  
Page 6 of 6



**Professor Will Steffen**

Head of ANU Fenner School of Environment and former head of a global ecosystems research program involving 10,000 scientists in 80 countries. Big picture thinker on climate change adaptation.

**Dr Lorraine Stephenson**

National manager of sustainability

with Origin Energy with "special interest" in natural gas for electricity generation.

**John Thwaites**

Former environment minister with the Victorian government, who finally got cattle out of Victoria's alpine national parks.

**Emeritus Professor Patrick Troy**

Australia's leading thinker on

urban policy and planning, the ANU visiting fellow claimed "developers have inordinate influence" well before Wollongong-gate.

**Dr Tony Wilkins**

Google offers scanty information but we do know he's an environmental manager for News Limited.